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TO CELEBRATE the arrival of Specsavers in Canvey Island, the eye-care experts are offering Yellow Advertiser readers the chance to win one of four pairs of designer glasses.

The team from the new Furtherwick Road store, which opens on Monday, November 10, are giving four lucky winners a pair of specs worth £125 each from its designer ranges, which includes Boss Orange, Karl Lagerfeld, Tommy Hilfiger, Aurora, Karen Millen, Osiris, John Rocha and Timberland.

Lee Hansford, director at Specsavers Canvey Island, says: "We're thrilled to be opening our doors to the Canvey Island community, and what better way to mark this than to do something special."

"We look forward to getting to know you all in the coming weeks and months."

The team encourages residents to make screening part of their regular healthcare routines, and to have eye tests every two years.

Specsavers has a wide range of technology, including free digital retinal photography to capture images of the back of the eye.

To book an eye examination, or a free hearing check, visit the store from November 10 at Furtherwick Road, Canvey Island, call 01268 274444 or visit [www.specsavers.co.uk/stores/canveyisland](http://www.specsavers.co.uk/stores/canveyisland).

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# Volunteers in campaign to make a difference



PARTY: The launch of the Southend Association of Voluntary Services' Make a Difference Campaign

SOUTHEND Association of Voluntary Services (SAVS) has launched a new campaign called Make a Difference Month.

The launch party took place on Thursday above O'Neill's in Southend.

Emily Middlemast, volunteer centre co-ordinator at SAVS, said the organisation had more than 400 different charities and community groups in the borough.

She said: "Make a Difference Month allows them to showcase their projects, as well as recruit new volunteers to help them continue making a difference."

At the launch event people could listen to music meet artists and pot their own plants.

Emily added: "The volunteer centre is supporting Leonard Cheshire Disability this year at the launch event of their Can Do volunteering project.

"The project places young people with a disability or long-term health condition. They will have a volunteer role for you."

## ► speedread

● AN 89-YEAR-OLD woman is in a critical condition in hospital after she was involved in a collision with a red Ford Ka.

The collision happened in Rochford Road, Southend, shortly after 11.30am, on Saturday.

Police were called at 11.45am to the accident near the roundabout known as Warner's Bridge, close to the entrance of Southend Airport.

The woman received serious head and pelvic injuries and was taken to the Royal London Hospital, Whitechapel, east London, in an air ambulance.

A 32-year-old man from Leigh was taken to Southend Hospital with minor injuries. He was released after treatment and arrested for a number of driving offences.

A section of the road was closed for four hours as police carried out investigations.

Any witnesses can contact PC Kevin May at the serious collision investigation unit via Essex Police, quoting incident 663 of November 1.

● THE Leigh Society will hold an illustrated talk – Women and the Great War – by Carole Mulroney.

It will be held at the Wesley Methodist Church, Elm Road, Leigh, on Wednesday, November 19, at 7.30pm.

● SOUTHEND Choral Society will pay tribute to those who gave their lives in the First World War in their next concert.

The 100-strong choir will perform Mass in Time of War, a piece that has not been played in Southend for more than 25 years.

The concert will include the Southend Concert Orchestra and is at St Luke's Church, St Luke's Road, Southend.

It starts at 7.30pm and tickets, which cost £9, can be bought by calling 01702 303628.

● INSPECTORS of the Loo of the Year Awards have given three venues in Southend Gold awards.

The toilets inside Jungle Jive cafe, Feelgoods restaurant and the Sea Life Adventure Aquarium all received plaudits.

# Council to spend £2.6m overhauling street lights

By Paul Giles

southend@yellowad.co.uk

A £2.6MILLION scheme to replace all street lights in Southend will take place later this month.

Street lighting engineers are waiting for their first delivery of 300 new lamps and will start replacing lights along Eastern Avenue with the new units from middle of the month, before moving on to Royal Artillery Way.

The installation follows a trial of several different LED street lighting systems in different neighbourhoods across the borough.

Each of these was assessed for their performance and comments from residents were considered as part of the selection process.

The council intends to replace all 14,000 street lamps over a five-year period.

Councillor for public protection, waste and transport, Terry Martin,

said installing the lights would cut the authority's cost of street lighting by 50 per cent over five years.

He said: "This will improve the quality of the lighting and substantially reduce our carbon emissions.

"What's more, the feedback we've received from the residents of the streets where our chosen lamps units were trialled was extremely positive, with residents praising the much cleaner, more targeted light.

"Like other authorities across the

country, we're facing some major pressure over reducing our costs.

"That's caused some other councils to decide to turn off street lights during certain periods of the night, raising concerns over public safety.

"We were determined not to go down that route and instead find a solution that serves us well in the long term. We believe that the project will bring substantial savings in energy and maintenance costs for the council."

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# Equipment for hospital

VITAL medical equipment has been donated to the rehabilitation outpatients department of Southend Hospital.

The new £26,000 ultrasound scanner and a £1,000 water bath was given to the hospital by the Advanced Surgical Equipment Trust (ASET).

It will ensure physiotherapy patients get better treatment and a smoother experience as the department continues its drive to be a one stop clinic.

Billy Fashanu and Dr Huber van Grienden, consultant physiotherapists, said they wanted to improve the patients journey by making it clearer and quicker. They said: "The new ultrasound scanner will enable us to carry out guided injections with greater accuracy.

"Being able to see the needle means we can target affected tissues more effectively."

The replacement water bath, an essential piece of equipment for hand therapy helps mould

hand splints for patients after surgery as well as stroke patients and other hand related injuries.

Beverly Loughborough outpatients services manager explained up to 200 splints a month are produced at the hospital. She said: "It was very important that we were able to get a brand new replacement so quickly to ensure our patients weren't affected."

John Gibson MBE, appeals director and chairman of trustees for ASET, said patients previously had to wait up to eight weeks to find out scan results and be referred. Mr Gibson said: "The new ultrasound scanner means they can be assessed and referred in the same day.

"The charity focus has always been to support Southend Hospital in providing new technology and equipment that will improve patient care."



Hannah Wackett, senior physiotherapist

## Remains on Foulness

### From front page

A full search of the island took place and more bones were found.

Remains were found on a part of Foulness Island known as New Burwood Head on the Broomway Path, near the Great Wakering Stairs.

Forensic and DNA tests had to be carried out to identify the body as Angela.

Angela lived in the Southend area but did not have a fixed address.

Detectives have been supporting her family and speaking to people who knew her to try and find out how and when she died.

DCI Simon Werrett, of the Kent and Essex Serious Crime Directorate, is leading the investigation.

He said: "I would appeal for anyone who knew Angela to come forward.

"The last definite sighting

of her was when she visited a housing officer in Westcliff on November 21, 2013. Money was also drawn out of

her bank account on that day.

"Her mobile phone has not been used since the end of November and we have not found any of her clothing or belongings."

Police have said Angela was known to associate with street drinkers and local homeless people.

There was a sighting of her by police officers in the Porters Grange area of Southend on Monday, January 6, but there are no definite details of her movements.

DCI Werrett added: "Angela led what I would describe as a 'chaotic lifestyle'.

"The reports indicate she did not die on Foulness but was either taken there or the body was carried in the tide.

"We are keeping all lines of enquiry open. Anyone with any information, no matter how small, could help us."

Anybody with information is asked to contact 01702 470173 during office hours or 101 outside of those times.

## Beauty workshops celebrated

SOUTHEND Hospital is celebrating four years of hosting Look Good Feel Better's (LGFB) free skincare and make up workshops that have helped so many women come through their cancer treatment.

LGFB was set up in the UK more than 20 years ago and is supported by over 40 companies and brands within the beauty industry.

Working with trained professionals, who volunteer their time and expertise, the charity helps women

and teenagers combat the visible side effects of cancer treatment and in turn boost their confidence and self esteem at a time when keeping positive is crucial.

The two hour workshops are held on a monthly basis at the Macmillan Information and Support Centre at the hospital, and are open to women of all ages who have been receiving treatment for any type of cancer.

Sarah Wakeman, regional co-ordinator for LGFB, who is a qual-

ified beauty therapist, said she got involved in the organisation six years ago.

She said: "Coming to terms with cancer can be very daunting and some treatments may result in appearance related side effects that can be very hard to cope with at a time when a positive attitude is very important.

"The 12 step workshops are fun, friendly and totally relaxed."

For more information on LGFB visit [www.lgfb.co.uk](http://www.lgfb.co.uk)



CELEBRATION: Esther Meadows (Macmillan volunteer); Sarah Wakeman (LGFB regional co-ordinator); Ann Robinson (retired oncology consultant); Sue Taylor (medical secretary); Claire Smart (Macmillan volunteer)

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## Little devils

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# Food bank struggles to feed hungry

A CHARITY had to turn away four families in need of emergency food parcels last month because it had run out of supplies.

Castle Point Association of Voluntary Services is appealing for food donations so it will never have to send needy people away empty-handed again. The parcels – available for families with children under five – are distributed through children's centres once CAVS has accepted their plea. Most of its "customers" are families in work but on low wages.

Danielle Phillips, from the association, said: "We have been providing food parcels to local people in need since 2012 and our supplies are running critically low.

"As the cost of living continues to rise, more and more people are having to make dramatic cuts to their standards of living.

"Increasingly, loss of employment, ill health and low income are reasons that families are finding themselves unable to make ends meet.

"We've supplied 27 emergency food parcels this year but have had no choice but to turn four families away this month due to a lack of stock," she added.

She is concerned winter will bring an increase in applications and said donations of any non-perishable food, toiletries or cleaning products would be greatly appreciated.

Food and items can be left at collection points



APPEALING: Michaela White

Photo by Mark Cleveland

at Little Lions Children's Centre, Northwick Park School, Canvey, and The Tyrells Centre, Seaford Avenue, Benfleet (Monday to Friday).

Anyone who needs to apply for an emergency food parcel or for more information, can call CAVS on 01268 638416 or visit the Children's Centres.

## ...meanwhile county councillors tuck into 'unjustified' free meals

AN INVESTIGATION has been launched into councillors receiving free lunches while picking up tens of thousands of pounds in allowances at Essex County Council.

The council's Independent Remuneration Panel will probe free meals offered in a councillors-only canteen at County Hall.

The investigation was ordered after Green Party members James Abbott and Michael Hoy said the free meals were "inappropriate".

The pair tabled a motion at a full council meeting, asking members to accept that free lunches for politicians were not appropriate at a time when services like school transport were being cut.

However, councillors refused to back the motion until the word "inappropriate" had been removed, along with any reference to specific service cuts.

An amended version was then approved by a majority vote.

Figures released under the Freedom of Information Act showed that in 2012/13, councillors ate 3,518 meals in the private canteen, costing taxpayers £42,248.82 – or £11.44 each.

Options in the canteen include roast dinners and curries.

In 2013/14, taxpayers paid £19,491.28 for councillors' lunches.

Figures released last week revealed that seven out of the top 10 claimants in 2013/14 were Conservative cabinet members, claiming free lunches on top of allowances of more than £40,000.

Only four members claimed no hot meals. They were councillors Abbott and Hoy, Tory Ian Grundy and Ukip member Kerry Smith.

Cllr Smith has previously spoken out against the free lunches, saying it was immoral to keep eating them while increasing charges for Meals on Wheels customers.

Last month, councillors increased Meals on Wheels charges for housebound OAPs by £60 per year, claiming an 84p per meal subsidy was too expensive.

Speaking about the new investigation, Cllr Smith said: "Morally, the meals are not justified, but the rules say they are. I think they should be axed.

"There is a canteen at County Hall for all employees of Essex Council to pay for lunch.

"For backbenchers, who only have one or two meetings a month, that's not going to break the bank.

"The cabinet members who are there more often are paid well enough to buy their own lunch. Otherwise, what's wrong with a tray of sandwiches?"

**Who claimed the most in**

**2013/14, and how much taxpayers' money are they already paid?**

- Rodney Bass (Con), Heybridge and Tollesbury Paid: £43,225.42. Free lunches: £995.15.

- John Aldridge (Con), Broomfield and Writtle Paid: £45,878.85. Free lunches: £986.50.

- Ann Naylor (Con), Brentwood Rural Paid: £45,878.85. Free lunches: £812.20.

- Roger Walters (Con), Three Fields with Great Notley Paid: £43,573.81. Free lunches: £786.21.

- Kay Twitchen (Con), Billericay and Burstead Paid: £33,180. Free lunches: £776.50.

- John Jowers (Con), Mersea and Tiptree Paid: £45,878.85. Free lunches: £704.13.

- Derrick Louis (Con), Witham Southern Paid: £42,471.88. Free lunches: £648.01.

- Anne Brown (Con), Constable Paid: £24,874.65. Free lunches: £634.50.

- Kevin Bentley (Con), Stanway and Pyefleet Paid: £49,984.39. Free lunches: £552.05.

- Keith Bobbin (Labour), Pitsea Paid: £10,370.97. Free lunches: £524.70.

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PIER VISITS UP: Cllr Graham Longley and Lynn Jones, Resort Services Manager, toast a record-breaking year for Southend Pier

## Pier attracts record numbers of visitors

VISITOR numbers to Southend Pier have reached their highest levels since it was ravaged by fire in 2005.

By Tuesday, October 21, 294,190 people have visited the pier compared to 283,468 for the whole of 2013, the previous record year since the fire.

The pier's management say the figures are 'extremely encouraging'

and the attraction will almost certainly smash the 300,000 visitor mark by the end of the year.

Councillor for enterprise, tourism and economic development, Graham Longley, said the pier was a national treasure and a symbol of immense local pride.

Mr Longley said: "2014 has been another fantastic year for us. "We've

had one of the driest summers in recent history and the pier has again drawn the gaze of film and television producers, such as Jamie and Jimmy's Friday Night Feast.

"However, there's still a lot more I want to be done to drive these figures up further, including the possibility of extending pier opening times and increase its income for

bring self sufficiency.

"I'd like to explore all our options for how we use the space of the former bowling alley, increase private bookings at the Royal Pavilion and attract further private sector investment.

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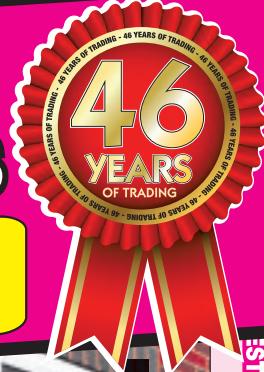


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Shaun Dawson, Lee Valley Regional park authority chief executive, said: "This is a perfect example of London 2012 delivering on its legacy promise to 'inspire a generation', with hundreds of children coming to enjoy these iconic venues."

"We hope that the young people participating will be inspired to take up some of the sports we have available at these phenomenal centres."

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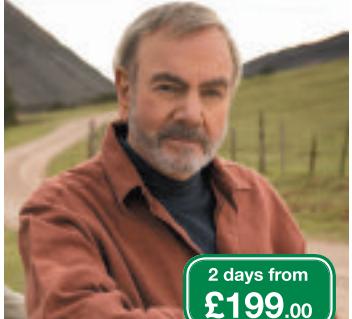
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COACH HOLIDAYS

# Phone scam victim gave £30,000 to bogus police

FRAUDSTERS posing as police officers in Essex and east London have conned a victim out of £30,000.

The latest fraud is largest single theft in a long-running series of telephone scams being carried by organised crime gangs.

The victim, who is in his 60s and from Chigwell, was contacted by a man claiming to be a Metropolitan Police detective.

He was told that criminals had infiltrated his bank account and had deposited £30,000 in counterfeit cash.

The fake officer then asked the man to take out the £30,000 so that it could be forensically examined.

The man was asked to call his bank to check that extra funds were in his account but the original call had been kept open and his "call" was answered by another fraudster who confirmed that money had been deposited.

The bogus officer then called back and asked the man to withdraw £15,000 from two branches of the bank and in £20 and £50 notes as these were the easiest to fake.

He took out the money and was told that a courier would collect it.

But he felt uncomfortable when the courier arrived and sent him away.

The fake detective then telephoned the victim and warned that he would be arrested for



WANTED: One of the fraudsters police want to interview

impeding a police investigation if he failed to hand over the cash.

Following the threat he gave the £30,000 to the courier.

The fraud happened on September 30 and despite extensive investigations the trickster and courier have not been identified or caught.

Police have released an efit image of the courier in a major crime appeal.

Detective Chief Inspector Paul Maleary said: "These criminals have become abusive in the past but this is the first time they have forced the vic-

tim to comply with their demands by making an arrest threat."

"This is one of the highest amounts taken in Essex and shows just how convincing these thieves can be."

Mr Maleary added: "They are professional criminals and are absolutely ruthless."

"The only answer is to put the phone down and call Essex Police whenever you get any call asking for money to be taken out of your bank account."

He said it is absolutely vital that people are reminded that their bank and police would:

- NEVER ask for bank account details or PIN over the phone.

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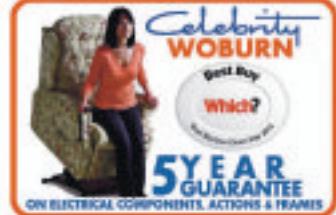
- NEVER ask you to send them your bank cards or any other personal property.

Police said more than 800 similar thefts and attempted thefts have been reported in Essex since the scam first came to light in January 2013, and similar crimes have been reported in the Metropolitan Police area and other counties.

More than 140 people in Essex have been tricked out of money and the total stolen is more than £500,000.

Anyone who can identify the man in the efit should contact the investigating officer PC Danielle Brennan at Loughton on 101.

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NEW EXHIBITION: Susan Allen with a selection of her work

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A LANDSCAPE artist and an egg tempura specialist is the latest exhibitor to join the Estuary Gallery Co-operative.

Returning to the theme of water, Susan Allen explores views of the Thames Estuary and river from her native

Canada.

Canadian born, Susan, has lived in Leigh for more than 25 years.

After studying art at Douglas College of Art, she moved to Toronto to complete a degree in fine art at Ontario College of

Art.

She explained that in her pictures she tries to add fictional pictures.

She said: "When I paint my imagination wanders and a story grows from the landscape."

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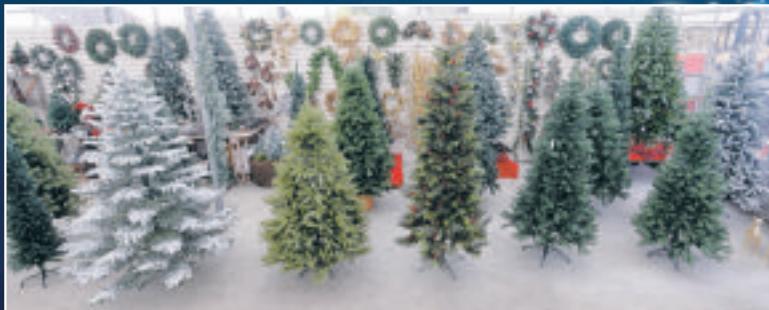
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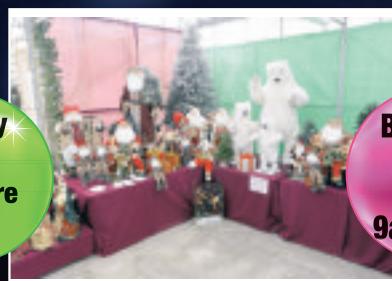
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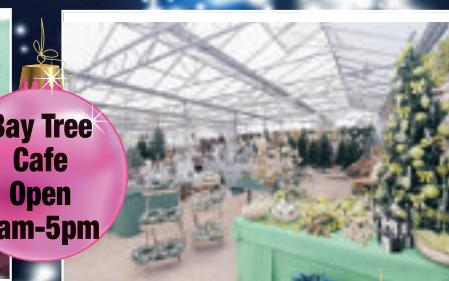
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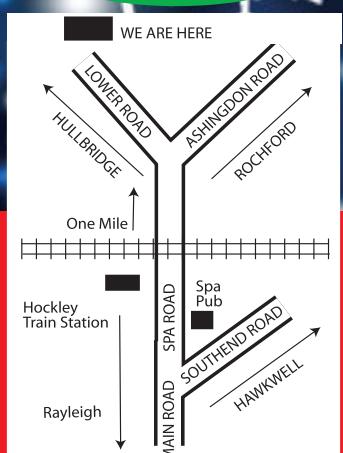
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# IT retailer cleans up at industry awards

AN IT retailer has won five prestigious national awards.

The awards are the only ones of their kind to celebrate the work of independent IT resellers and their role in the country's high streets.

Chris and Melanie Loader, owners of Premier Computers, in Southend, were victorious in the ShopTalk National IT Reseller Awards.

The shop, in Earls Hall Parade, Cuckoo Corner, entered seven out of 10 award categories and won five, narrowly missing out on a sixth by just one point.

Chris said rather than sitting back he and his wife were planning on increasing space in the shop and its stock to hopefully be able to win more awards next year.

He said: "We are absolutely delighted to win the awards. What means more to us is that it's come from our peers. To know that they've voted for us is just amazing."

"It's capped off a fantastic day for us, and the trophies will be displayed in our store."

Paul Cubbage, managing director of Target Components, said: "The response to this year's awards has been phenomenal. Thank you to everyone who took part, the standard of entries has been excellent, the level of support has been excellent."

"It's an outstanding performance for Premier Computers, winning five out of the seven categories they entered. The winners have set a benchmark this year. For those who entered but didn't win, it's something to aim for, and in the process of aiming higher you'll improve your business, which is great for everyone."

ShopTalk is the business advice service from distributor Target Components and the awards took place at Target's open day in Leeds.



SUCCESS: The team at Premier Computers with their awards

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## Opinion and readers' letters

### Mansfield should head up inquiry

THIRTY years ago, Tory MP Geoffrey Dickens passed a dossier of alleged child abusers to the then Home Secretary, Leon Brittan.

The dossier was subsequently destroyed, which led to the independent inquiry into the way public bodies handled child sex abuse claims.

The government's management of this inquiry has been a shambles and they must get an urgent grip of the situation.

First, the government appointed Baroness Elizabeth Butler-Sloss to head the inquiry, but overlooked that Margaret Thatcher's attorney general Michael Havers was her brother. Havers had reportedly tried to prevent Dickens from naming a paedophile in Parliament.

Butler-Sloss investigating her late brother was a huge conflict of interest, and she resigned in the summer.

The government then appointed Fiona Woolf, lawyer and Lord Mayor of London, without vetting her and discovering that she and Brittan are neighbours and have regularly had dinner together.

Another huge conflict of interest is to investigate the department run by someone you see socially. Hence, Woolf's resignation on Friday.

For the sake of the children abused by establishment figures, some in positions of power, the government has to appoint someone who is beyond reproach. Even the perception of a conflict of interest is unacceptable. There must be someone in Britain who is not related to a member of the Thatcher cabinet and has not had dinner with Brittan? That gives us a few million to choose from, but does narrow down the options when that person has to run this very important inquiry.

The government must consider Michael Mansfield QC, champion of the underdog, and former lawyer for the families of Stephen Lawrence (murdered) and Jean Charles de Menezes (killed by the state), and also the Guildford Four, the Birmingham Six and James Hanratty.

Mansfield is reported to be a republican, a vegetarian and a socialist, so would probably be disqualified on all three counts. But who better to get at the truth?

I would hope that the National Association for People Abused in Childhood (NAPAC) would have more confidence in Mansfield than they did in Baroness Butler-Sloss and Lord Mayor Woolf.

This inquiry must lose no more time and get to the bottom of this cover-up, regardless of how unpleasant that is for the establishment.

David Bodimeade  
Rayleigh

### Need for affordable housing

IT should be crystal clear to every politico in the urban paradise that occasionally is Southend-on-Sea, that this town is in desperate need of affordable housing.

This manifests itself in a number of ways – youngsters still at home, families over-crowded, aspirant home-owners trapped in expensive rental agreements.

Home-building would also be a driver for employment for local builders and craftsmen who assemble and furnish these new homes.

Recent announcements by Ed Miliband are welcome news; to remind readers, these have included giving communities power to build where people want to live, enabling councils to plan properly for home-building, and giving access rights to first-time buyers.

This Government has a frankly terrible record on home ownership and house-building, including the lowest levels of house-building in 90 years and home ownership levels at their lowest in 30 years.

Those houses available are too expensive for young families, pushing back the age at which people can own their first property.

Our children face a grim future unless the housing mar-

ket is made to work for them.

I applaud the Labour commitment to build 200,000 homes a year by 2020.

I also applaud the aspiration to see the number of first-time buyers doubled by 2025.

I was in my twenties when I first owned my home – and I wish this for all in their twenties, in Southend and in the rest of the country.

Julian Ware-Lane  
Leigh-on-Sea

### Where next for our brave soldiers?

LISTENING to or reading grand speeches – mostly by media hacks – about the heroic, successful, timely, return of the British soldiers from Afghanistan, one might get the feelings of nausea associated with time travel.

Well, time travel it isn't and we are not witnessing any scenes from the heyday of the British Empire – though, the nausea persists. And those other adjectives aren't true either.

One of the soldiers tiredly remarked that, "We are finally going home!"

Poor sod – he doesn't know

yet, that they'll all be in Syria next week.

Fred Nicholson  
Westcliff

### Thanks for response on education

MAY I say a big thank you to all the Southend folk – more than 100 of them – who have helped by sending me their views on primary education in the borough.

I am still working with officers on the council's support for its schools and welcome opinions or concerns from parents, teachers and anyone else involved.

As always, these will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Cllr Ric Morgan  
Westcliff

### Agreed on smokescreen anger at EU

DAVID Bodimeade is totally correct when he says that David Cameron's anger at the £1.7billion bill from the EU

(YA letters, last week) is for show only.

This bill was known about for several days before it hit the headlines (strangely just before Mr Cameron jetted off for a meeting of EU leaders so he could look angry on the television), which does raise the question of how much the Treasury and Number 10 communicate.

In reality, this is about Ukip, and the pressure they are putting on the Conservative Party as it haemorrhages members and supporters, and Mr Cameron's renegotiations in the lead-up to a possible in/out referendum in 2017.

Although, considering Mr Cameron's "cast iron" guarantee of one on Lisbon, it is understandable that anti-EU Tories are less than convinced that he means it.

There may well be an adjustment in due course as EU corporate fines are taken into account, which will probably lead to a refund in the near future, but Mr Cameron's faux anger just makes him look like a man desperately floundering around for an issue to appease his backbenchers to look strong on Europe.

David Hough  
Labour Party PPC  
Rayleigh and Wickford

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A one off sum of £460,000 will be invested to modernise the building to make it suitable for office use for the next decade.

The council claim it will create an annual saving of £150,000 a year and see the Integrated Youth Support Services team move in on April 2015.

It will also see more services centralised in Victoria Avenue near the Civic Offices.

It could also enable a small Essex Police team to co-locate within the building and create additional space that could be leased to outside partners to generate cash.

Leader of the council, Ron Woodley said it was an exciting opportunity to centralise services in Victoria Avenue.

● **A SHOWER** caught alight in a property in South Avenue which needed two crews to put it out.

The fire happened in a first floor bathroom in Southend at 2.34am, on Sunday, November 2.

Crews used breathing apparatus and one hose reel to put the fire out by 3.08am.

A fire investigation will be carried out to find the cause of the blaze.

● **A MAN** was trapped in his car for half an hour as fire crews tried to free him.

The crews were called to Frobisher Way, in Shoeburyness, at 3.55pm, on Saturday, November 1.

Two cars had collided and firefighters used cutting equipment to release the man by 4.28pm.

The man was left in the car of the Ambulance Service.



**WANTED:** This man is wanted in connection with a woman's purse going missing

### Man wanted after purse goes missing

AN elderly woman has had her purse stolen while she was shopping in B&M Bargain stores in Rochford Road.

Anyone who recognises the man in the CCTV footage is asked to contact PC Michael Peterson at Essex Police in 101.

It is alleged a man removed the woman's purse from the shop counter while she was

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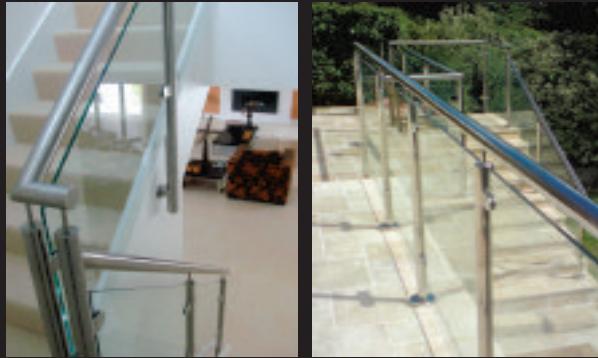
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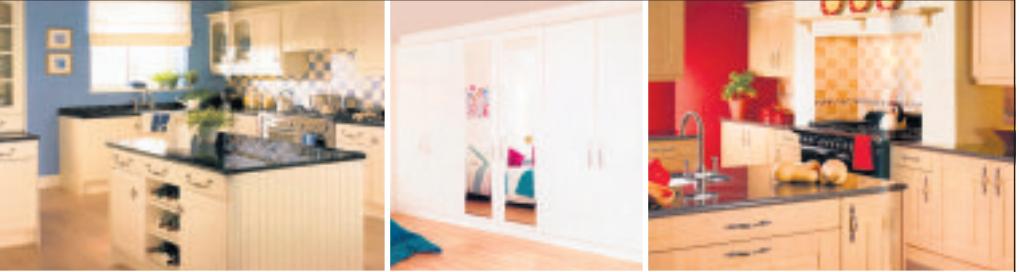
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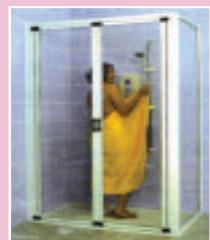
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**REVIEW:** Cllr Martin Terry and Kara Phillips, civil enforcement supervisor for APCOA, with a council camera car outside St Mary's Primary School



# Council pledges fair CCTV parking patrols

SOUTHEND Council has reviewed the role CCTV plays in tackling on-street parking.

Parking enforcement is being focused solely on vehicles that cause a risk to public safety, such as in and around bus lanes, bus stops, pedestrian crossings and outside schools.

Other violations, such as parking on double yellow lines will be dealt with by civil enforcement officers.

The changes have come at a time when the Secretary of State for Communities and Local

Government, Eric Pickles, is proposing a shake-up of how local authorities use CCTV cameras.

The national review is going through the parliamentary stages and it is expected that the government will publish its change in approach as part of its Deregulation Bill, which is expected to receive Royal assent later this year.

Councillor for public protection, waste and transport, Martin Terry, said the authority needed to keep the public safe and have CCTV as an effective tool.

Mr Terry said: "We need to make sure that CCTV enforcement of parking is fair and proportionate."

"Southend will be a parking-friendly borough and rest assured, we will not shy away from penalising those who flout our fair and transparent rules."

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## Ice skating's dynamic duo tell their story

By LIZ WADE

**S**KATING legends Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean will be talking about their career and lives during a number of special appearances at theatres across the UK.

Our Life On Ice: In Conversation With Torvill and Dean, gives fans the chance to hear them talk about their career and lives in intimate settings, including The Palace Theatre, Southend, next month.

The tour, their first at theatres, follows the publication of their autobiography – Torvill and Dean: Our Life On Ice – which was released on October 9 and sees the Olympic champions finally open up about the challenges they have faced and the pressures of life in the public eye.

When Torvill and Dean threw themselves to the ice for the climax of their routine for Ravel's Boléro at the 1984 Winter Olympics in Sarajevo, the judges could find no faults and awarded them the 12 maximum scores of 6.0, while 24million British TV viewers watched at home in amazement.

Following that triumphant win, the world became fascinated by ice skating and everyone wanted to know more about the young couple at the heart of it all.

Despite intense interest in them both from the media and public, Torvill and Dean kept their lives private, with many still wondering if the pair were really a couple both on and off the ice.

They turned professional and would

eventually spend 10 glorious years working on ITV's Dancing on Ice, yet with still much of their story remaining untold.

In their autobiography, published by Simon & Schuster, Torvill speaks candidly about her struggles to start a family, while Dean reveals the heartache within his own family story.

Of course, there is the skating, and the stories about what inspired their famous routines, and what the pair hope to achieve in the future as they approach their 40th Anniversary of working together.

Audiences taking a seat at The Palace Theatre in December will hear more about these stories and many others from them both in person.

Commenting about the tour, Torvill and Dean said: "We are both very much looking forward to the UK tour that will combine our love of being on stage in front of our fans with the publication of our autobiography.

"The fact that we won't be on the ice might seem strange at first, but it will give us the chance to meet the people who have supported us over the past 30 years in an intimate setting where we can share our stories live in front of theatre audiences."

● For further information and tickets for Our Life On Ice: In Conversation With Torvill and Dean, which will be at The Palace Theatre, Southend, at 8pm on Monday, December 8, call the box office on 01702 351135 or visit [https://southendtheatres.org.uk](http://www.southendtheatres.org.uk).

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Anne Hathaway as Amelia

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**INTERSTELLAR (12A, 150 mins)**

**W**RITER-director Christopher Nolan shoots for the stars with a futuristic thriller, co-written with his brother Jonathan, about mankind's search beyond this galaxy for a new home to replace a dying planet earth.

Epic in scope and wildly ambitious, Interstellar does not quite achieve its bold vision of a love story between a father and daughter set against the vast backdrop of mankind's final roll of the dice to avoid extinction.

However, even when this grand futuristic adventure malfunctions, it is a deeply engrossing meditation on the ties that bind and the endurance of those emotional bonds across space and time.

Nolan and cinematographer Hoyte van Hoytema have captured some of the most breathtaking vistas including our first glimpses of a black hole or wormhole on large-format IMAX film.

These sequences pack a mighty visual punch and powerfully convey how tiny and seemingly insignificant we are on our third rock from the sun.

Composer Hans Zimmer,

who collaborated with the London-born director on The Dark Knight trilogy, provides another bombastic orchestral score to complement the majestic imagery.

Planet earth is dying: great dust clouds sweep across agricultural plains, ruining crops and making it impossible to breathe comfortably without face masks.

"We used to look up and wonder about our place in the stars. Now we just look down and worry about our place in the dirt," laments Cooper (Matthew McConaughey), a former test pilot, who toils the parched soil with his 15-year-old son Tom (Timothée Chalamet) and 10-year-old daughter Murph (Mackenzie Foy).

Cooper answers a call from Professor Brand (Michael Caine) to lead a mission to locate a new planet capable of sustaining human life.

"We're not meant to save the world. We're meant to leave it," explains Brand, whose scientist daughter Amelia (Anne Hathaway) will be part of the four-strong crew along with astrophysicist Romilly (David Gyasi) and pilot Doyle (Wes Bentley).

Leaving his brood in the care of his father-in-law

(John Lithgow), Cooper undertakes the most important mission in human history, knowing that failure would mean certain death for the people he loves.

Interstellar retains a tight focus on the characters without sacrificing the adrenaline-pumping thrills that fans expect from director Nolan.

Two talking military machines called TARS (voiced by Bill Irwin) and CASE are a marvel of mechanical puppeteering and inject much needed humour.

"I have a discretion setting," deadpans TARS in response to a request from Cooper to disclose sensitive information.

Oscar-winners McConaughey and Hathaway add emotional heft to their embattled astronauts, wringing out tears after Amelia sternly warns Cooper: "You might have to choose between seeing your children again and saving the human race."

A couple of dense, wordy philosophical discussions about gravity and love orbit the moon of unintentional hilarity but thankfully, Nolan avoids the crash and burn in the nick of time.

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# Liz at Large

YA features reporter Liz Wade goes out and about with her boys



## Queen Elizabeth's hunting lodge

**A**RARE survival of a timber-framed hut, standing alongside a modern visitor centre, offer the perfect starting point to explore historic Epping Forest.

Queen Elizabeth's Hunting Lodge, which was built for Henry VIII in 1543, is an amazing piece of local heritage to explore and cherish.

It was originally built as a grandstand for the King's guests where they could view the Royal hunt and also shoot deer with crossbows from the upper floors.

The building, known as Great Standing, was renovated in 1589 for Queen Elizabeth I, and it is believed that both she and Henry VIII hunted in the forest during Tudor times, although no documentary evidence has survived to prove it.

During this time, it would have functioned as a venue for royal 'corporate hospitality' as a means for the king to display his wealth and power.

Alongside Henry VIII and Elizabeth I, James I also used the hunting lodge, which was originally constructed with an open-sided viewing platform.

Gradually it stopped being used for its original purpose and in the 18th century, after the reign of Charles I, the upper viewing

spaces were filled in and windows were installed.

In later years it was used as a keepers or bailiffs lodge, as well as a forest retreat for serving teas during Victorian times.

It was eventually acquired by the Corporation of London, with the co-operation of the Essex Field Club, and following an extensive restoration it was converted into a museum in 1895.

Since then it has housed collections of local natural history and artefacts for people to enjoy and today visitors will find a Tudor kitchen on the ground floor, complete with a brick fireplace dating back to 1590. Here there are two tables of replica Tudor food, including meat and fish, and other offerings fit for a banquet, as well as examples of what the king's servants would have eaten.

On the first floor there's a Tudor dressing up box and displays of Henry VIII or Queen Elizabeth, while on the top floor you will find stunning views across the Chingford Plain and Epping Forest



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– a view not too different from what the Tudor courtiers would have enjoyed centuries ago – as well as a display on how the hunting lodge was constructed, including a range of replica joints.

Right next door to the lodge is The View visitor centre which is

home to regularly changing art and history exhibitions as well as interactive displays telling the story of Epping Forest, from who used to live there to how it became a public space.

A visit to Queen Elizabeth Hunting Lodge and The View is

also a great place to start exploring the forest as there are two waymarked trails start from the back door of the visitor centre.

\*For further information about both Queen Elizabeth Hunting Lodge and The View visit [www.cityoflondon.gov.uk](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk)

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### Saturday, November 8

■ Christmas Coffee Morning, in aid of Save the Children, Church Hall, Highlands Methodist Church, Sutherland Boulevard, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 3PT. 10.30am-12.30pm, stalls and refreshments, plus raffle. Admission by donation.

■ Transmission Meditation Workshop-Hellifield Room, Forum Library Southend 10-11.30am, admission free.

■ Rayleigh History Walk, 3pm from Rayleigh Windmill, Bellingham Lane, off High Street. £2 pp, 01268 775328.

■ Yugioh Club, play and trade yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 8EE, mini tournaments, 1.30-4.20pm, 07985 671289.

■ Dads and Kids Club, The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 10.30am-1.30pm, free admission, games, activities, arts and crafts, for boys and girls, aged five to 17, with fathers and father figures. 01268 779100.

■ Saturday Morning Club, St Michael's Church Hall, Leigh Road, 10am-noon, entertainment provided by choirs, soloists, musicians, admission free. Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled. 01702 437863.

■ Brush Strokes Art Group, Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, 9.15am-12.15pm, new members welcome. 01277 627043.

■ Different Strokes Exercise Class, St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, for those who have had a stroke. 2.30pm 01702 612509.

■ Jazz Workshop, Southend Jazz Co-op, Hadleigh old Fire Station, Hadleigh 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions available).

■ Flamingo Fairs vintage and more fair, The Churchill Room, Wanstead Library, corner of Woodbine Place and Spratt Hall Road 11am-4pm.

### Sunday, November 9

■ Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz, Westcliff

## what's on

■ Over-50s session, Megacentre Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Badminton and table tennis 2-4pm, £3.50 inc refreshments and equipment. 01268 773100.

■ Activity Session for adults with special needs, 10am-noon. The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £1 per session, no charge for carers.

■ Duplicate Bridge, Balmoral Bridge Club, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opposite Thames Drive), 1.15pm-4.30pm and Tuesdays 7pm-10.30pm, call Vernon on 01702 343611 or Tony 01702 520993.

■ Duplicate Bridge, Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, non-members of all standards welcome, 2-4.45pm (no partner needed), evenings 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.

■ Weekly Craft Workshop, St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, Benfleet, 6-8pm, details Michelle 07730 582784.

■ Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group, Mondays and Wednesdays, 8-10pm, James Hornsby High School, Leinster Road, Laindon, details Jeff Levy 07951 681582 or email [join@basildonplayers.co.uk](mailto:join@basildonplayers.co.uk).

■ Zumba, Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.15-10am. 01268 465432.

■ Beginners Computer Course, Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 11am-1pm. 01268 465432.

■ Club 60, Southend, weekdays, 9.30-4pm, tea bar, non-members welcome, £2 day pass, details 01702 613562.

■ Short Mat Bowls Club Hadleigh, new hall, four mats, Monday and Wednesday evenings, Canvey Short Mat Bowls Club, ring Kevin 01268 792433.

■ Short Mat Bowls, Monday/Tuesday afternoons in Thundersley, beginners welcome, details 01268 779174.

■ Indoor Short Mat Bowls, Prittlewell Bowls Club, Priory Park, Southend, two mats available, Monday to Friday, new players welcome, details Ray 01268 777666.

■ Indoor Bowls, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, Mondays 2-4pm, Tuesdays 2.15-4.45pm, Wednesdays 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.

■ Whist, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, 10am-noon, details 01268 465854.

■ Senior Citizens Club, Ghyllgrove Centre, Butneys, 1.30-3.30pm, make friends, bingo, trips. 01268 239395.

■ Pensioners Stall, York Road Outdoor Market, Southend, and Thursday 8am-2pm.

■ Evening of clairvoyance, Room 2, Puddocks, Long Road, Canvey, doors open 7.30pm, £3, all profits donated to

local charities, healing available after service 9pm, enquiries 01268 691922.

■ Healing, every Monday in Basildon from 10.30am-4pm, qualified NFSH healers, no charge, all donations to local hospice, call 07956 353564 for an appointment.

■ Development Healing Circle, Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, an understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, 8-9.30pm, details 07879 004744.

■ Fitness Walking, from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh, and Thursday 7.15-8.15pm, details 01702 715509.

■ Scrabble Club, Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, (opposite police station), beginners welcome, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3 including tea/coffee, just turn up or call 01268 727915.

■ Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group, Buttercup Club, St Michael's and All Angels Church, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, 9.30am and 11am. 01702 712150.

### Tuesday, November 11

■ Alzheimer's Society, cafe for people living with dementia, family carers and professionals. Speaker from CAB, The Balmoral Centre, Salisbury Ave, Westcliff. SS0 7AU, 2-4pm, 01702 345156.

■ South Essex Amateur Radio Society, every second Tuesday, 7pm, The Swans Green Hall, Hart Road, Thundersley, SS7 3PE. AGM members only, 07986 070040.

■ Social Dance Class, with instruction in ballroom, Latin American and sequence, 8.30-10.30pm, Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. Info: 01702 542349.

■ Table Tennis, 7.30-10.30pm, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £3.60 per session.

■ Singles Friendship club for 55s and over, South Bentle Social Club with a variety of events. Maureen 01268 692298.

■ Weekly Craft Group, Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh, 2.30-4pm. No charge or booking required. Emma 01702 471873.

■ Willows Park Short Mat Bowls Club requires new or experienced players, James Hornsby School, Laindon. First session free, call or text Alan 07952 043456.

■ Social Dance, 1.45pm at St Cedd's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff ballroom, sequence, Laton, 01702 618771.

■ Evening of clairvoyance, St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, 7.15pm, £2, enquiries Anne 01702 556470.

■ Folk Music, The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, "Steve Tilston", 8pm. 01702 715111.

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# what's on

■ Tea Dance, Ashingdon Memorial Hall, Ashingdon Road, Rochford, ballroom, Latin and sequence, 2-4pm. 01702 584575.  
 ■ Scrabble Club, Hockley Social Centre (rear of library) 6.30-10pm, first two visits free, also second and fourth Saturday of each month 2-5pm. All ages welcome, 01702 205910.  
 ■ Ladies Fellowship at the Salvation Army in Hadleigh, 7.30pm, any age, good speakers, chatter nights, outings, meals out and summer walks, 50p per week or annual subscription, come along or call 01702 551470.

■ The Puffers Club, Exercise class for people with breathing difficulties run by people with breathing difficulties, Ambleside Sports and Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, 12.45-2.30pm. 01702 610050/466827.  
 ■ Pathfinders blind and partially sighted group, Fryers Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, range of activities and outings, Tuesdays 9.30am-2pm Fridays 10am-2.30pm.

■ Evening of clairvoyance, St Cecilia's Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, 7.15pm, £2, enquiries Anne 01702 556470.  
 ■ The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, yoga: 10-11am, sit down yoga: 11.10-12.10, keep fit: 12-1pm, line dancing: 1.20-2.20pm, chess: 1.30-3.30pm, craft: 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.  
 ■ Singles Social Group, The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age group 50-plus, 8pm. 07970 432994.

■ Singles Friendship Club for 50-plus, South Benfleet Social Club, 8.15pm, further details Maureen 01268 692998.

■ New and nearly new stall, outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, (if wet, in church foyer), 10am-noon.  
 ■ Table Top Sale, Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems, 01702 258661.  
 ■ Carpet Bowls, Eastwood Community Centre, top of Morrisons car park, 1.45-3.45pm, (and Thursday 3.30-5.30pm), no experience necessary, £2 per session inc tea, joining fee £5, first session free.  
 ■ Bingo and Hoy, Wick Community Centre, Wickford, 1.30-4pm, details John Clarke 01268 570575.  
 ■ Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Mencap), Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25-plus, £2 per session, details 01702 341250.  
 ■ Tuesday Luncheon Club, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, 10am-noon.

for people living alone or with their carers, details 01702 478691/525141/340617.  
 ■ Little Lunchers Activity Club, St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.  
 ■ Vange Tots, The Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all. 01268 498642.  
 ■ Shoebury Flagship, Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoebury, 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team offering activities, advice and support for parents with babies and children aged up to five. 01702 577656.

## Wednesday, November 12

■ Belvedere Jazz & Music Club, The Chichester Rawreth, Wickford. Chris Dean, leader of the Syd Lawrence Orchestra, vocalist and trombonist quartet, 8-10.30pm, £10 on door. 07850 607075.  
 ■ Wickford Wildlife Society, talk by Paul Mayne, 8pm, Our Lady's Church Hall, 61 London Road Wickford, SS12 0AW. £2.  
 ■ Jazz Circle, trumpeters, recorded music, second Wednesday of the month, 8pm, Ecko Clubhouse, Thorndon Gardens.  
 ■ Breathe Easy Group, support, friendship and advice, second wednesday of the month, 1.30-3.30pm, Small Hall, Our Lady of Good Counsel, 61 London Road, Wickford, SS12 0AW. Bring a friend or relative, tea, coffee, Marlene Harris, Beekeeping.

■ Essex Handicraft Association, second Wednesday of the month, St Barnabas Church Hall, Hadleigh, 01702 479862.  
 ■ New Thundersley (A) Townswomen and Guilds are looking for new members, first and third Wednesdays, St George's Church Hall, Rushbottom Lane, South Benfleet 1.30-3.15pm contact Norma 01268 794694.  
 ■ TEDFAS (Thames Estuary Decorative and Fine Arts society) The Freight House, Bradley Way, Rochford, 10.30am and 2.30pm, visitors £5, info 01702 479416 or 01268 771120.  
 ■ The Concord Ladies' Club of Rayleigh, 1.30-3pm, Interesting speakers, social afternoons, some outings and a Christmas meal out, new members welcome, Caley Hall, Crown Hill, Rayleigh, 01268 743240.  
 ■ Leigh Singles Social Club, 45-65s, Bellini's, London Road, Leigh. www.leighsingles.co.uk for further details.  
 ■ Activity Session for children with special needs, ages five to 18, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh. Donation of £1 per session, siblings welcome.  
 ■ Graham's Social Tea Dance, Richmond Hall, Richmond Avenue, Benfleet. Light-hearted afternoon of ballroom and Latin and sequence dances for all abilities. 2-

4.25pm, large free car park, strictly over-18s, £4 per person. 01268 752473.  
 ■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s. Keep fit: 10-11am, sit down keep fit: 10-11am, salsa/ballroom: 11.30am-12.30pm, sequence dance: 12.30-1.15pm, Art: 1.30-3.30pm, indoor bowls: 1.30-3.30pm, £2, 01268 465854.

■ Barn Dance, Grand Ceilidh Club, Royal Naval Association, East Street, Southend, live music from Creekside, 8.30pm. 01702 553622.  
 ■ Indoor Carpet Bowls, St Edmunds Hall, Pantile Avenue, Southend, 2-4pm, details contact Olive 01702 309280.  
 ■ Played Bowls Before? Come and try it at FS&S Club, Gardeners Close, Basildon, all weather green, free coaching, regular club mornings, call Chris 01268 419831.  
 ■ Breathing Exercise Group, run by Breathe Easy Basildon, Steeple View Memorial Hall, 1-2.30pm, if you have COPD or recently finished pulmonary rehabilitation, call Honorie 01268 574390.  
 ■ Leigh Singles Social Club, Bellini's, London Road, Leigh, for ages 45-65, 8pm. www.leighsingles.co.uk

■ Social Afternoon of Ballroom and Latin Dancing, Mill Hall, Rayleigh, 1.45-4.15pm, with Pat and Bob. 01268 544112.  
 ■ Line dancing lessons, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh, 12.30-2.30pm, helping to raise funds for the church hall. 01268 281488.  
 ■ Afternoon Tea Dance, Richmond Hall, High Road, Benfleet, (entrance off Richmond Avenue), free car park, 2-4.30pm, £4 per person, inc refreshments, strictly over-18s. 01268 752473.  
 ■ Health Walk, Canvey Sea Wall, 10.30am, meet Labworth car park, Canvey Island, details 01702 318121.  
 ■ Alanon, International/Worldwide Support Group for families, wives, husbands, friends of alcoholics and other addicts, 1 Sutton Road, All Saints Church, Southchurch, Southend, 7.30pm, all welcome (non-denominational).  
 ■ Pulse Drum Club, St David's Church Hall, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, 3.45pm-4.45pm, £3 per session. 01702 540111.  
 ■ Over-50s session, Megacentre Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh.  
 ■ Badminton and short mat bowls 2-4pm, £3.50 use of equipment. 01268 773100.  
 ■ Activity sessions, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, for children with special needs, aged five to 18, free, siblings welcome, details 01268 779100.  
 ■ Palace Writers Group, 7.30pm, alternating venues with the Palace and Cliffs Pavilion, open mic events and public

readings planned, details Emily 01702 390472.

■ Meeting, Roche Art Group, St Teresa's Church Hall, located behind the church, 109 Ashingdon Road, Rochford, 7.30-9.30pm, visitors welcome, details Gill 01702 421737.

■ Advanced Computer Course, Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.30-11.30am. 01268 465432.  
 ■ Over-50s Session, The Megacentre, Rayleigh, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 2-4pm, badminton and short mat bowls, session price £3.50 inc refreshments and use of equipment. 01268 779100.

■ Duplicate Bridge, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh, 7.30pm, details Hilary 01702 712501.

■ Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group, Buttercup Club, Leigh Community Centre, Elm Road, Leigh, 9.30am and 11am, Wednesdays and Thursdays. 01702 712150.

■ Brentwood Buddies new social club for ages 40-60, The Essex Arms, Brentwood 8pm. Contact Julie 07969071392 text or phone before turning up.

## Thursday, November 13

■ Thundersley Gardening Association 7.45pm at Swans Green Hall, Hart Road, Thundersley, please bring exhibits, £3.

■ George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s. Line Dancing: 1-2pm, computer £3; 1-3.30pm, indoor bowls: 2.15-4.15pm, bridge 9.30am-12.30pm, ceramics, 1.30-3pm, £2, 01268 465854.

■ Health Walk, Hockley Woods, 10.45am, parking in car park, details 01702 318121.

■ Jive classes, Ambleside Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, 8pm, £5 (first night free), all ages welcome, no need to bring a partner. 07771 831507.

■ Buddies Over-50 Singles Club, Anchor pub, Benfleet, 8.30pm, meet new friends, details Dee, 01268 565045.

■ Westcliff National Spiritualist Church, Hildesliffe Drive, Westcliff, mediums, 7.30pm and Sundays 6.30pm.

■ Pottery, George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50, 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.

■ Coffee, cake and chat, WI Hall, Bellingham Lane, Rayleigh, ladies and gentlemen, 2pm, details Di 07952 148636 or Linda 07504 114762.

■ Tea Dance, St James's Church Hall, Elmleigh Drive, Leigh, ballroom, Latin and sequence, 2-4.15pm. 01702 216726.

■ Ceramics, The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50, 2-4pm, details 01268 465854.

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## eating out

# A menu to get you hooked

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The establishment, at 1 The Cockle Sheds, High Street, reopened its doors during the summer, much to the delight of locals and passers-by, after being closed for more than a year.

Experienced fryer, front-of-house representative and restaurant owner, Mario, who has been a resident for 20 years, jumped at the opportunity to give the restaurant a new lease of life and a complete refurbishment when its former owner retired.

Having owned and run restaurants in a variety of places for the past 44 years, including St Albans, Twickenham, Surrey, and north and east London, Mario has poured his wealth of experience into the business and created a wonderful, fresh and inviting environment for up to 30 diners in the restaurant.

He has also made the most of the views of one of the estuary's most charming settings, by created a large decking area with seating for up to 40 people to enjoy, and transformed the restaurant's former deli counter into a takeaway area for passers-by, offering even more for those looking for a fresh bite to eat.

Mario said: "I love fish and love what we have done. You can sit on the decking area and enjoy the views and see fishermen getting their boats ready for the cocktail season.

"Fish comes in daily including line-caught sea bass, local oysters, lobsters and fresh fish from the market.

"The menu reflects what is fresh that day and as we never use frozen fish – when it runs out it runs out. We are also running a specials' board and have added meat dishes for non-fish lovers such as T-bone steak, sirloin steak and rack of lamb."

Current offers at the restaurant include a two-course set menu for £14.95 per person, either



two fish or two meat dishes, from a choice of four starters, four mains and four desserts; six oysters with a glass of Oyster Bay Marlborough Sauvignon Blanc for only £9.95; and a free bottle of house wine for bookings of four enjoying the a la carte menu from 5pm to 7.30pm. You can also enjoy cod and chips from the takeaway for just £5.95 up until the end of November.

From Tuesday, December 2, Simply Seafood will be serving a special Christmas Menu, for £20.95 for two-courses or £24.95 for three-courses, with a choice of starters including soup of the day, chicken liver parfait with red onion chutney and toasted brioche, prawn and crayfish cocktail, calamari with a dressed salad and homemade tartare sauce, oak-smoked haddock or Scottish oak-smoked salmon. This is followed

by roast turkey, pan-fried Scottish salmon, roast sirloin of beef, mushroom Wellington or grilled lemon sole for your main course, and either Christmas pudding with brandy sauce or mulled winter berry crumble with homemade custard for dessert.

Anyone interested in making a Christmas booking is urged to call for further information and book early to avoid disappointment.

Simply Seafood's restaurant is open from noon to 3.30pm and from 5-9.30pm, from Monday to Saturday, and from noon to 4pm on Sunday, while its takeaway is open from noon to 3pm and 5-9pm from Tuesday to Saturday, and from noon to 4pm on Sunday.

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The pulled pork, baby back and spare ribs are cooked to tender perfection on the premises in smokers imported from Oklahoma by the Gallacher's team. All the barbecue rubs and sauces are made from scratch every day in-house and they are the result of years of research by the owners.

The chefs craft homemade burgers from a mix of chuck, sirloin steak and brisket that is all minced and mixed in house. Generous six-ounce all beef patties served in artisan brioche buns with an exciting and sometimes "off the wall" range of toppings. The fries are hand-cut, triple-fried and served seasoned with Gallacher's own special mix of spice and herbs.

Beef ribs, also known as Jacob's Ladder, are one of the most popular menu items. Braised for at least five hours and then transferred to the smoker for another five hours. The meat is tender, succulent and falls off the bone. Guests now reserve portions of these mighty meaty ribs when they phone for reservations.

A great smokehouse would not be complete without fabulous steaks too. Mouthwatering, tender, juicy sirloin and rib-eye steaks are flame-grilled and are available from 10 ounce to 15 ounce portion sizes.

All the meat used at Gallacher's is British, as its ethos is that British farmers are the best in the world, and sourced as locally as possible.

All side dishes are freshly made every day in house and the coleslaw, cowboy beans and cornbread muffins are proving to be favourites with



guests, many of whom have returned several times in the 10 weeks that the restaurant has been open. The onion rings and chilli cheese fries compliment the huge burgers perfectly and create that Man Versus Food experience for those with an appetite for quality as well as quantity.

Craft beers from as far a field as New Zealand and North America and an international wine list that many "fine dining" restaurants would envy are on offer and the lists are increasing and changing to ensure that there is always something new on offer. The food menu is also changing and being fine-tuned regularly and the specials' board showcases new dishes that are being developed and created by the Gallacher's food team constantly.

Midweek specials available Tuesday to Thursday include barbecue tasting platters, guest burgers, steak dinners with free wine or craft beer and the new Mid Week Two Courses Deal.

Guests can choose from four starters, eight mains, and four desserts and enjoy two courses for only £14.95!

Christmas bookings are now being taken and for parties of eight or more there is a special Celebration BBQ Feast available – a selection of starters, smoked and barbecue meats, spicy Texas chilli, side dishes, dessert and coffee for just £29.95 per person, all served family style as they do in the USA, so you and your party can just sit back, relax, enjoy and chill out.

For more information and to make a reservation call 01702 474611. You can find Gallacher's on Facebook and read the fantastic reviews and find out more about the food and fun on offer.

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# Style and comfort at The Lodge

DINERS at The Lodge Country Inn are  
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new environment, thanks to a major  
refurbishment.

The friendly, family-run business situated in  
the heart of Essex has been given a new look  
including new decor, carpets, tables and chairs,  
following extensive work in November.

With a large marquee, a glass house restaurant  
serving a tasteful a la carte menu, an affordable  
bar menu packed with more than 100 different  
meals, comfortable hotel rooms and a traditional  
bar area, the venue really does have a little something  
for everyone.

Its fully licensed bar has an extensive drinks  
menu, comprising of a wide array of wines  
served by the glass, real ales, bottled and draught  
beers, while its large 120-seater restaurant has an  
appetising range of dishes to suit all tastes and  
requirements including a two-course special for  
£10.95 and three-courses for £12.95.

The Lodge's a la carte menu is also available in  
its stylish conservatory offering you a spacious  
comfortable environment to try the five-star  
food and enjoy a wide selection of wine served  
by the glass. The conservatory can be booked for  
special occasions and set menus can be arranged  
to suit a range of budgets.

The venue also has a large garden with an  
extensive seating area, bouncy castles and a child-  
ren's play area.

If you want to keep the children amused while  
going out and visiting family and friends for an  
enjoyable meal or drink this spring and summer,  
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Its stylish marquee, situated within idyllic  
country surroundings, is the perfect place for a  
range of special occasions for 60-200 guests,  
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The Lodge's very own DJ, friendly waitresses  
and bar staff, and experienced wedding planners  
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wedding you have always dreamed of right down  
to your individual budget.

There is a packed programme of tribute nights,  
family fun days and other events at The Lodge  
this year, so keep an eye out on its website so you  
don't miss out on all the fun.

Tribute Nights include a multi-tribute comedy  
act with Nick Slade on November 6; Tom-tastic,  
the ultimate Tom Jones tribute, on December 4;  
and an Elvis tribute on December 11.

This is all on top of great weekly family enter-  
tainment, from karaoke nights on Sunday and

Hugh Rainey's Jazz band every Tuesday, to  
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the next taking place on November 12.

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admission and up-and-coming appearances  
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What's more, The Lodge's Christmas menus  
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## ALAN KIRKMAN

**Q. If I switch agents, can the first one still claim a fee if my home is successfully sold by the new agent to a buyer he originally introduced?**

A. A very interesting question indeed! In fact, this whole issue of liability to pay more than one agency fee is frankly, a real grey area.

Until a few years ago, most agents included a "ready, willing and able" clause in their contracts. This basically meant that as long as they were responsible for originally introducing the person who wanted to buy your home, then they were entitled to their fee – even if the actual sale was subsequently handled by another agent (who naturally would also expect a fee).

Then, in 2008 in a landmark case, the Appeal Court found against well-known London agents who had tried to sue a seller for their commission, on the grounds that they had originally introduced the buyer. The judgement said that it was no longer enough to introduce a buyer to a property. The buyer had to be "introduced to the sale." So, for example, if an agent were to do everything possible to progress the sale – arrange viewings, for example, make regular follow-up calls, or perhaps even successfully negotiate an acceptable offer, only to lose the instruction at the last gasp when his contract lapsed – then he would have a clear cut case for charging a fee.

Nevertheless, the reality is that many agents still claim the right to go after their fee, purely on the strength of having originally introduced the buyer. And in certain circumstances, you can understand why. For instance, I'm sure you will be shocked to learn that some buyers and sellers, once introduced to each other, are not above trying to do private deals behind the agent's back!

Normally, of course, an agent's approach to this whole issue should be clearly set out in the terms of the sales agreement vendors are required to sign. Some, for example, will state that a fee will be payable if a property is sold to a buyer they originally introduced, within a given time of that contract expiring.

Ultimately, therefore, the most important things for vendors is to ensure that they choose an agent they can trust to look after their interests properly – and make sure they read any contract carefully before signing!



Alan Kirkman is a Director of both Tudor Estates in Southend and Essex TEAM part of a network of independently owned estate agents who share their instructions for the benefit of giving their client properties maximum market exposure. Alan has been an estate agent for over 32 years.

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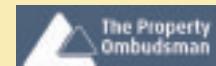
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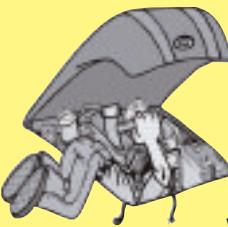
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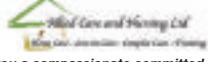
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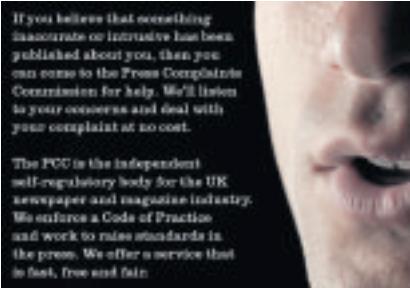
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## HAMMERS TURN ON STYLE WITH LATE RECOVERY

### West Ham United

#### Barclays Premier League

**Stoke City 2–2 West Ham United**  
Brian Jeeves reporting from the

#### Britannia Stadium

SPIRITED West Ham recovered from two goals down to gain what had earlier seemed an unlikely point at Stoke City.

The Britannia Stadium is widely recognised as a difficult place to plunder Premier League points.

Nevertheless, West Ham arrived in the Potteries in good shape after beating champions Manchester City at Upton Park seven days before.

But the Potters were mindful that a victory could catapult them into the top half of the table, within two points of the high-flying east Londoners.

Indeed it was lively Stoke who were first to threaten. Hammers defender Winston Reid had to be alert after Jonathan Walters surged down the right and centred.

Soon after Reid had to be on his toes again, this time thwarting Steven Nzonzi's low drive.

Stoke were looking the more likely to break the deadlock. Former Barcelona man Bojan's effort was snubbed out by some brave defending from James Collins after another lightning raid down the right.

And Stoke should have grabbed the lead when Mame Diouf was only

inches away from converting Bojan's cross.

Stewart Downing should have done better, sending his effort high and wide after a neat interchange with Alex Song during a rare foray forward from the visitors in the first period.

Just after the half-hour mark a goal duly arrived, and it was no surprise that the home side provided it.

Victor Moses was quickest to react following a melee in the Hammers box and scrambled the ball over the line.

And as the half drew to a close it was the home side who continued to look the brighter. Moses's surging run was brought to a conclusion by some desperate last-ditch defending from Collins, while Bojan was only inches away with Hammers Spanish 'keeper Adrian fully extended.

West Ham were on the ropes and once again had Adrian to thank as he made a brilliant point blank stop as Moses looked set to double the Potters advantage.

The Hammers boss Sam Allardyce brought Carlton Cole into the fray for the second period in an attempt to bolster the visitors' attack, but it was Stoke who were first to show. The electrifying Bojan, again a thorn in West Ham's side, found Adrian's midriff with a free-kick from distance.

And before the east Londoners

could make any real headway their problems doubled. Jonathan Walters showed Aaron Cresswell a clean pair of heals before delivering for Diouf to head beyond Adrian.

But West Ham were not going down without a fight, and clawed their way back into the match, albeit in controversial circumstances.

Song was high and late on Diouf but referee Chris Foy allowed play to continue, much to the anguish of all connected with Stoke.

Downing raced away down the right, crossing for the headlong Valencia who beat Begovic and halved the home side's advantage.

The game continued to ebb and flow. Nzonzi had Adrian at full stretch and Diouf headed just over as Stoke went in search of a decisive goal.

But the tide had started to turn, West Ham started to attack with greater intent, and with 20 minutes remaining, Downing crisply met a pinpoint ball from Valencia to restore parity.

Man of the match Bojan tried to lift Stoke's spirits with a shot that warmed Adrian's fingers, then the Hammers' keeper made an even better save low to his right to keep out Geoff Cameron.

In the burning embers the Potters pressed hard to claim maximum points, but West Ham showed the kind of resolve that had earlier been

missing to claim a share of the spoils and extend their unbeaten run to four games.

After the dust had settled, Allardyce said: "I have to give Stoke credit for the way that they played.

"For me, at 2-0 it was about changing the shape of the team, getting the substitutes on that were going to give us an opportunity to get back in the game."

Allardyce continued: "The two goals we scored were fantastic goals, I don't think there's any doubt about that. The extra quality we've got this year has paid dividends. It looked like we were getting nothing out of this game but we've got a precious point".

Stoke boss Mark Hughes said: "I thought we were excellent from start to finish. That was one of our most dynamic and creative performances this season."

West Ham are next in Barclays Premier League action on Saturday when Aston Villa visit Upton Park.

**Stoke City:** Asmir Begovic, Geoff Cameron, Ryan Shawcross, Marc Wilson, Erik Pieters, Steven Nzonzi, Steve Sidwell, Jonathon Walters, Bojan (Charlie Adam), Victor Moses, Mame Diouf.

**West Ham United:** Adrian, Carl Jenkinson, James Collins, Winston Reid (James Tompkins), Aaron Cresswell, Morgan Amalfitano (Carlton Cole), Mark Noble (Kevin Nolan), Alex Song, Cheikhou Kouyate, Stewart Downing, Enner Valencia.

**Referee:** Chris Foy.  
**Assistants:** M McDonough and C Hatzidakis.  
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### Non-league round-up

## Rovers have six appeal

by Brian Jeeves

RYMAN League One North outfit Great Wakering Rovers were in great goalscoring form at the weekend, thrashing Redbridge 6-2 at Burroughs Park.

Nick Skelton (2), Tom Ranger (2), Billy Johnson and Billy Radley were on target for the villagers with Bostry Bansende and Patrick Damali replying for sorry Redbridge. This victory eased relegation worries for Dan men by lifting them into 16th place in the table.

But it wasn't such good news for Tilbury. Ryan Flack grabbed a late goal for the Dockers at Cheshunt, but it served only as a consolation as the home side ran out 2-1 winners. And it was even worse for rock bottom Burnham Ramblers who crashed 5-0 at Needham Market.

In the Vanarama Conference Premier Division, Braintree Town earned a point from a goalless draw with high-flying Woking at Cressing Road, while in the South Division, goals from Stephen Cawley and Sam Collins gave Concord Rangers the points against Weston-super-Mare.

Elsewhere, Chelmsford City won by the odd goal in three at Basingstoke Town. A goal in each half from Southend United loanee Jason Williams and former Shrimper Lee Sawyer clinching the points for the Clares.

Many of the region's teams were on FA Trophy First Qualifying Round duty. Michael Malcolm and Billy Coyne found the net as AFC Hornchurch saw off Harrow Borough 2-0 at Bridge Avenue, while a brace from Calvin Poku and a Dion Polius strike helped Barkingside to a 3-1 win over Kingstonian.

Grays Athletic impressively overcame Hampton & Richmond Borough by three goals to nil, while several of our teams will try again after their ties ended all square.

Stanley Sherwin was Brentwood Town's goal man in a 1-1 draw with Biggleswade Town, and it was the same outcome at the Prospects Stadium where Joseph Carter was Canvey Island's marksman against Leatherhead. Hungerford Town and East Thurrock United was also 1-1, but it was the end of the Wembley trail for Thurrock, who lost 3-2 at Folkestone Invicta and Billerica Town who went down to Ryan Jones only goal at Metropolitan Police.

The pick of the action from the Essex Senior League saw FC Romania win 5-0 at the Old Spotted Dog against Clapton, while there were derby wins for Basildon United, 2-0 against Hullbridge Sports, and Ilford, 2-1 at Barking.

## Help for heroes

GREAT Wakering Rovers are urging fans to turn out in force for a special game in aid of the nation's injured servicemen and women. To back forces charity Help for Heroes, Rovers have announced that all fans will be admitted free to their Ryman North clash against Needham Market on Saturday, November 22, kick-off 3pm.

Supporters will be asked to make a donation at the turnstiles or during the game with volunteers organising a bucket collection around the ground.

Rovers chairman Tony Butcher said: "To help our injured servicemen and women we will be hosting an afternoon of entertainment and fundraising for Help for Heroes and we are asking fans to show their support by turning out in force."

## Leopards prepare for league after trophy loss

### Basketball

THE top two teams in last season's Division One table meet at the Brentwood Centre on Friday (8pm) as Leopards host Reading Rockets.

The Rockets are the Big Cats' oldest rivals, and pipped them to the league title last season on their way to a treble.

Leopards won the 2012 league title on Rockets' home court and also went on to complete a treble that season, and the rivalry goes back as far as the 2005/6 season when the Big Cats won the National

Cup in front of 6,000 people at the NIA with a 75-71 victory against the Berkshire team.

Although it will be Leopards' first league game of the campaign, the sides have already met in the National Trophy, and a long jump shot from Brentwood boy Will Ashby sealed a thrilling 73-72 victory for the Big Cats at Rivermead.

The Rockets struggled in the Trophy, winning only two of their six games to go out of the competition, but they opened their defence of the Division One crown with a 72-58 win at Bradford Dragons on Saturday and also progressed to the quarter-final of the National Cup with an overtime win in Kent.

Tickets for the game are available on the door or through [www.leopardsbasketball.co.uk](http://www.leopardsbasketball.co.uk).

It was a case of déjà vu for Leopards on Saturday as they went down

84-70 at Kent Crusaders for their first loss in the group stage of the National Trophy.

Robert Youngblood's team had lost 78-65 when the sides met three weeks before, but the game was ordered to be replayed due to a sub-standard court.

But the Big Cats were again out-worked by a young Crusaders' team on a court that was almost identical to one ruled illegal by Basketball England.

Ashby opened the scoring with a trey and then hit a long jumper to put Leopards 5-4 ahead. But that was as good as it got for the visitors, and although Dave Ajumobi also scored from beyond the arc, the home side took a 20-13 lead into the first break.

Swedish centre Lukas Winegarner opened the second period scoring with a trademark tip-in and hit a

three midway through the period, but the hosts soon pulled away and it took a trey from Jordan Williams to cut the deficit to 37-27 at half-time.

An Ashby drive to the basket made it a seven-point game with three second-half minutes gone, but despite veteran Ronnie Baker taking control late in the third period and Ajumobi draining a three, a 12-0 run from the home side saw them go into the final break with a commanding 63-44 lead.

Albert a opened the fourth period scoring, but Leopards never looked capable of getting the margin into single figures as the home side closed out the win.

Ashby led the way for the Big Cats with five three pointers in his 19 points, with Ajumobi adding 11 and Baker 10.

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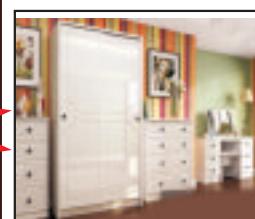
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